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**MYSTERY READINGS FROM THE HEARTH** Every Fri. evening from 6-7:30 p.m. until Christmas, Sherlock's Home Bookstore hosts readings from various costumed mystery characters including Lord Peter Wimsey, Albert Campion and Mrs. Pollifax. Call for each week's readers and bring along a chair if you wish. Separate from this program, **LAWRENCE BLOCK** signs his new mystery *Out on the Cutting Edge*; Fri., Nov. 17, 6-9 p.m. And, Sherlock Holmes himself visits his namesake bookstore to sign autographs and read stories; Sat., Nov. 18, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Sherlock's Home, 4137 E. Anaheim St., Long Beach. (213) 494-2964.

**DAVE QUICK** and **JIM JENKINS** sign their book *Motion Motion Kinetic Art* at Dutton's Brentwood, Fri., Nov. 17, 6-8 p.m.; **KENT KLAVENS** signs his book *Protecting Your Songs and Yourself: The Songwriter's Legal Guide*, Sat., Nov. 18, 2-6 p.m.; **DR. BENJAMIN SPOCK** signs his autobiography *Spock on Spock*; Mon., Nov. 20, 6:30-8 p.m.; and **RICK ATKINSON** signs his book *The Long Gray Line*, Tues., Nov. 21, 6-8 p.m. 11975 San Vicente Blvd. (213) 476-6263.

**VIRGINIA HAMILTON**, children's author, reads and sign her newest book *The Bells of Christmas*, Sat., Nov. 18, 10:30 a.m.-noon; **HELEN OXENBURY**, illustrator of the new *We're Going On a Bear Hunt* also visits on Sat., 2-4 p.m. Children's Book and Music Center, 2500 Santa Monica Blvd., S.M. (213) 829-0215.

**VOICES FROM THE SIDEWALKS** The inaugural event for the performance series "Visions" is a poetry event presented by the homeless for the homeless on Skid Row. Featured poets include Alexander, John Brandler, Dino, Kathi Georges, Southern Comfort, Dawn Viotto and Joe Williams III. An open reading follows. San Julian Park, Fifth St. and San Julian Ave.; Sat., Nov. 18, 1:30 p.m.; free. (213) 629-2205. See Good Times.

**ENCLITIC MAGAZINE** and staff celebrate the publication of issue #23 with a reading from Richard Meltzer, Dave Alvin, Michelle Clinton, Dick Wimmer and others. Admission includes copy of the issue. Zero One Gallery, 7025 Melrose Ave.; Sat., Nov. 18, 8 p.m. (213) 931-6623 or 905-9459.

**BACKSTAGE BROADWAY** Carol Channing and Ed O'Neill of Fox TV's *Married With Children* are the special guests at a book party/fundraiser celebrating *Broadway Anecdotes* by Peter Hay. Hay is the founding artistic director of First Stage, a Los Angeles nonprofit organization dedicated to the development of new plays and screenplays. Admission includes a signed copy of the book and a wine and hors d'oeuvre buffet. Formal dress encouraged. Sunset/Gower Studios, Rehearsal Hall 14, 1438 N. Gower St.; Sat., Nov. 18, 4-7 p.m.; $30 or $40 per couple. (213) 850-6271.

**ELOISE KLEIN HEALY AND SHARON STICKER** read from their work as part of the Lesbian Writers Series at A Different Light Bookstore; Sat., Nov. 18, 8 p.m. The Gay Writers Series features **DANIEL McVAY, STUART BYRON** and **CLAIR PETERSON**; Sun., Nov. 19, 7 p.m. 4014 Santa Monica Blvd., Silver Lake. (213) 668-0629.

**STEVE SANFIELD** shares Jewish tales of the past, present and future in "Could This Be Paradise?," a storytelling program for adults presented as part of the By Word of Mouth series. All Saints Church, 132 N. Euclid Ave., Pasadena; Sat., Nov. 18, 8 p.m.; $8.50. (818) 797-6817.

**SNOW SUMMITS IN THE SUN**, a poetry anthology, gets a publication party featuring several of the writers published in it. Beyond Baroque Literary Arts Center, 681 Venice Blvd., Venice; Sat., Nov. 18, 6 p.m. (213) 822-3006.

**WILLIE SIMS, KEVIN BRANDO, ROBIN LEIBERMAN** and **PATRICK SMITH** continue the Sculpture Gardens Restaurant Poetry Series. 1031 W. Washington Blvd., Venice; Sun., Nov. 19, 3-5 p.m. (213) 472-2923.

**MAD HATTER'S ESPRESSO BAR SUNDAY POETRY PARTY** Kevin Sinclair hosts a poetry program that features Ralph Cissne, Yvonne de la Vega, Lance Doan, Mary Herczog, Tommy Swerdlow and Cynthia Toronto. 5819 W. Pico Blvd.; Sun., Nov. 19, 7 p.m. (213) 394-8795.

**THE DISCOVERY SERIES** for new playwrights continues with a staged reading of *A-Bomb Beauties* by Dan Seymour, a play about the survivors of the Hiroshima atomic blast. Burbage Theater Ensemble, 2330 Sawtelle Blvd.; Sun., Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m. (213) 478-0898.

**KATE BRAVERMAN** and others read from their work as part of the Valley Contemporary Poets Series. Glendale Federal Savings Building, 7119 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Canoga Park; Sun., Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m.; open readings 6:30 p.m., sign-ups 6:15 p.m.; $3. (213) 475-4836.

**JOHN HART, ROBERT ODOM JR.** and **RALPH CISSNE** read from their work. 5437 W. Sixth St.; Sun., Nov. 19, 8 p.m.; donations to readers requested. (213) 939-9706.

**CONCERT READING** *The Paper Courtship: The Letters of George Bernard Shaw and Ellen Terry*, compiled by Richard Findlater, is read by Edward Ludlum and Vicki Bakken. American New Theater, 1540 N. Cahuenga Blvd.; Sun., Nov. 19, 2 p.m. (213) 466-1767.

**LIZARDS** holds open poetry and prose readings. 6545 Santa Monica Blvd.; every Mon., sign-ups 8 p.m., readings 8:30 p.m. (213) 962-1889.

**THE TAPER LAB '89 NEW WORK FESTIVAL** is now under way. Over a seven-week period dozens of new plays will be given staged readings or workshop productions. In workshop this week: Ron Hutchinson's *Dead Man Out*, based on a story by J.D. Maria and Lorna Soroko, about a prisoner on death row and his psychiatrist; Mon.-Tues., Nov. 20-21, 8 p.m. Philip Kan Gotanda's *Fish Head Soup* is read Wed., Nov. 22, 8 p.m. Taper, Too Theater, John Anson Ford Cultural Center, 2580 Cahuenga Blvd. East; free, resv. required. (213) 972-7373.

**CHUCK JONES**, winner of three Academy Awards, creator of such characters as the Road Runner and Wile E. Coyote and author of the new book *Chuck Amuck: The Life and Times of an Animated Cartoonist*, visits for a booksigning. Samuel French Theater and Film Bookshop, 7623 Sunset Blvd., Hlywd.; Tues., Nov. 21, 7-9 p.m. (818) 762-0535.

**WRITERS ROUNDTABLE** discussion group meets again at the Midnight Special Bookstore. Call for program information. 1350 Third St. Promenade, S.M.; Tues., Nov. 21, 8 p.m. (213) 393-2923.

**MILDRED SIMON** reviews *It Was On Fire When I Lay Down On It* by Robert Fulghum as part of the Tuesdays With Books series. Santa Monica Public Library, 1343 Sixth St.; Tues., Nov. 21, 1:30 p.m. (213) 458-8600.

**TOLTEC PRODUCTIONS** presents a poetry workshop. All participants should bring 12 copies of a poem to read. Douglas Park, 2439 Wilshire Blvd., S.M.; every Tues. except the third Tues. of the month, 8 p.m. (818) 845-7768.

**DR. ENDESHA IDA MAE HOLLAND**, a playwright whose works focus on the history and condition of African Americans, reads from one of her plays. Cal State Dominguez Hills, University Theater; Tues., Nov. 21, 11:30 a.m.; free. (213) 516-3644.

**JACK SMITH** speaks and signs copies of his new book *Alive in La La Land*. Fairfax Branch Library, 161 South Gardner St.; Tues., Nov. 21, 10:30 a.m.; free. (213) 936-6191.

**BEYOND BAROQUE** hosts an ongoing poetry workshop/reading/critique; facilitated by Bob Flanagan. Beyond Baroque Literary Arts Center, 681 Venice Blvd., Venice; Wed., 8-10 p.m.; free. (213) 822-3006.

**ESPRESSO BAR** holds open poetry readings. 34 S. Raymond Ave. (behind, down the alley), Pasadena; every Wed., 9 p.m. (818) 356-9095.

**CLUB BLAB**, a weekly poetry/performance event, features "off-the-book blab/rap." Each reader must "put out" in three minutes or less, and the coordinators request that there be "no slugs." Zatar's, 1645 N. Wilcox Ave., Hlywd.; every Wed.; sign-ups 9:30 p.m.; readings 10 p.m. (213) 281-8131.

—Melanie Kolden

# RADIO PICKS

## Music

***Rock/Pop:***

**STRAY POP** Radio-legend-in-her-own-time Stella "strays" through crash-and-burn underground sounds. KXLU 88.9 FM, Fri., 11 p.m.-3 a.m.

**L.A. ROCK SCENE** Dirk Onimk rocks you hard, heavy and with lots of metal. KFOX 93.5 FM, Sat., 8-10 p.m.

**12 O'CLOCK ROCK** Andrea "Enthal and friends see you through to daylight with the latest in imports and American independent releases. KPFK 90.7 FM, Sat., mid.-6 a.m.

**DEMOUSTEN** You'll hear it here first as Agent Ava delivers still-smokin' demos and test pressings from new and local talent. KXLU 88.9 FM, Sun., 6-7 p.m.

**RODNEY ON THE ROQ** Famous guests and cool music with L.A.'s only Monkees stand-in DJ. KROQ 106.7 FM, Sun., 8 p.m.-mid.

**I HATE MUSIC SHOW** Amen, brother! The latest seethings in alternative demos, oddities and independent releases via hateful host Nathan. KSPC 88.7 FM, Tues., 9 p.m.-mid.

**THE FINAL COUNTDOWN** Hardcore Armageddon with Adam Bomb. KXLU 88.9 FM, Tues., 11 p.m.-mid.

**PSYCHOTECHNICS** Industrial hip-hop-a-delic paranoia from the tape-looped Michael B. KXLU 88.9 FM, Tues., mid.-2 a.m.

**SURF WAVE** Jim "King" Dunfrund plays them righteous, tasty and full of reverb. KXLU 88.9 FM, Thurs., 11 p.m.-mid.

***Jazz/Blues:***

**BILLY VERA'S ROCK 'N' ROLL PARTY** Local bluester Billy Vera spins R&B favorites from the '40s, '50s and '60s. KCRW 89.9 FM, Sat., 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

**BOURBON STREET PARADE** Bob Ringwald marches out an eclectic array of America's best. KCSN 88.5 FM, Sat., 3-5 p.m.

**FUSION & BEYOND WITH DR. DON** Dr. Don Mizell plays fusion-oriented ethno-rhythmic beats from around the world. KPFK 90.7 FM, Sat., 9:30 p.m.-mid.

**JAZZ NIGHT JOURNEY** Music, talk and the jazz renowned brought to you by James Graves. KXLU 88.9 FM, Sat., 10-11 p.m.

**JAZZ NIGHT FLIGHT** The classics, the contemporary and the rarely heard. KXLU 88.9 FM, Sat., 11 p.m.-6 a.m. & Mon., 11 p.m.-1 a.m.

**ROCK 'N' ROLL 'N' RHYTHM 'N' BLUES** Steve Propes spins rock, roots, doo-wop and R&B. KLON 88 FM, Sun., 9 a.m.-noon.

**PREACHING THE BLUES** Blues, black gospel and boogie-woogie preached by brother Ed Archer. KPFK 90.7 FM, Sun., 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**THE B.B. KING BLUES HOUR** The source himself hosts a theme-oriented program of the classics. KGFJ 1230 AM, Sun., 6-7 p.m.

**SMOKE RINGS** John Breckow blows you smokin' jazz sounds through the night. KPFK 90.7 FM, Sun., 11 p.m.-6 a.m.

**THE JOHNNY OTIS SHOW** Blues, R&B, gospel, jazz and phone chat from L.A.'s one and only. KPFK 90.7 FM, Mon., 8-11 p.m.

**ISABEL HOLE: Solo** Jazz and all it permutations, with interviews by the musicians responsible. KPCC 89.3 FM, Tues., 8-10 p.m.

**THE BEST OF MARIAN McPARTLAND** Jazz piano with McPartland and special guests. KPCC 89.3 FM, Tues., 10-11 p.m.

**BLUEZ HOTEL** You get Hitchcock for a host, traditional blues and boogie; no room service. KXLU 88.9 FM, Wed., mid.-2 a.m.

**STRAIGHT, NO CHASER** From Mamie Smith to Sun Ra, DJ Jay Green keeps 'em coming. KPFK 90.7 FM, Thurs., noon-2 p.m.

***Reggae:***

**THE SOUNDS OF JAMAICA** Lively and eclectic true-believing from prophet Miss Wire Waist. KPFK 90.7 FM, Sat., 2:30-5:30 p.m.

**REGGAE MUSIC FORWARD** Tomas leads an advance in the rasta- rhythmic cause. KXLU 88.9 FM, Sat., 7-8 p.m.

**THE REGGAE BEAT** If you're talking heartbeat, hear it from Hank Holmes and Chuck Foster. KCRW 89.9 FM, Sun., 2-5 p.m.

**REGGAE REVOLUTION** Roberto Angotti mans the barricades with essential reggae riddums — just in case. KROQ 106.7 FM, Sun., 6-7 p.m.

**VIBES SO NICE** Soca, calypso, reggae and African from hosts Louise and Barbara. KFOX 93.5 FM, Thurs., 9-11 p.m.

***Classical:***

**EDUARDO MATA'S MUSIC OF HISPANO-AMERICA** Mexican conductor Eduardo Mata surveys the music of Hispanic composers. KUSC 91. FM, Fri., noon-1 p.m.

**AGE OF THE ORGAN** Crankin' classics through pumpin' pipes with host Rene Marceau. KXLU 88.9 FM, Fri., 7-9 p.m.

**MUSIC OF THE SPHERES** Mara Zhelutka hosts a Ptolemaic tour through medieval, Renaissance and baroque faves. KCRW 89.9 FM, Sun., 6-8 a.m.

**SUNDAY OPERA** Each week: another epic, with occasional profiles of singers. Fred Hyatt hosts. KPFK 90.7, Sun., 1-5 p.m.

**SUNDAE CONCERTS** The only evening classical request program in L.A. Your host is Victor Berrellez. Call (213) 642-2957. KXLU 88.9 FM, Tues., 8-11 p.m.

**HIGH PERFORMANCE** Andre Previn hosts music, live performance and conversation of a classical bent. KUSC 91.5 FM, Wed., 9-10 p.m.

**TWENTIETH CENTURY UNLIMITED** From Mahler and Janacek to Messaien and Kagel, an earful. KXLU 88.9 FM, Wed., 9-11 p.m.

***Country:***

**CITYBILLY** Classic and contemporary country music hosted by Rene Engel. KPCC 89.3 FM, Mon., 8-10 p.m.

**KCSN BARN DANCE** Ronnie Mack hosts the best in local C&W talent, live from the Palomino. KCSN 88.5 FM, Tues., 9-11 p.m.

**HAPPY TRAILS** For a roundup of the best in country from yesterday and tomorrow. KXLU 88.9 FM, Wed., 11 p.m.-mid.

**MOUNTAIN STAGE** West Virginia public radio presents a spectrum of American roots music. KCSN 88.5 FM, Thurs., 9 p.m.

***Ethnic/Folk:***

**AFRICAN BEAT** The latest and best in African rhythms, presented by C.C. Smith and Solomon Egbuho. KCRW 89.9 FM, Sat., 2-4 p.m.

**GROOVE TIME** Big Red brings you the full flavor of the Caribbean with the latest in West African, Afro-Cuban and calypso music. KXLU 88.9 FM, Sat., 6-7 p.m.

**SANCHO** Host Sancho plays your requests for salsa, Latin jazz, doo-wop, Norteno and the best oldies to come out of the barrios. KPCC 89.3 FM, Sat., 6-10 p.m.

**CANTO TROPICAL** Sounds and talk from around the Caribbean, Latin America and beyond. KPFK 90.7 FM, Sat., 7-9:30 p.m.

**POLKADOTS AND MOONBEAMS** Mina Milani dishes up Yugoslavian funk, Belgian pop and other forbidden Euro-exotica. KCRW 89.9 FM, Sat., 8-10 p.m.

**THE THISTLE & SHAMROCK** Pipes, fiddles and pennywhistles from Celtic lass Fiona Ritchie. KUSC 91.5 FM, Sat., 8-9 p.m.

**CAFE BRASIL** From Rio to Sao Paulo and from samba to afoxe, international rhythms freshly brewed by host Roberto Lestinge. KCRW 89.9 FM, Sun., noon-2 p.m.

**FOLKSCENE** Live music, interviews with performers and the finest in recorded folk music. KPFK 90.7 FM, Sun., 7:30-10 p.m.

**UNITED FEDERATION OF POLKAS** Polkamaniac John Steed forges a mighty alliance of world polka beats. KCSN 88.5 FM, Sun., 9:30-11 p.m.

**THE SOUNDS OF BRAZIL** Featuring the classy music of Brazil. KPFK 90.7 FM, Thurs., 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**DEL SUR** Victor Valverde highlights Latin, Caribbean and African influences in American pop. KPCC 89.3 FM, Thurs., 10 p.m.-mid.

**USTED, NOSOTROS Y LA NUEVA CANCION** L.A.'s only source for Latin American "new song." KPFK 90.7 FM, Thurs., 10:50-11:30 p.m.

***Eclectic:***

**MORNING BECOMES ECLECTIC** Never the same ol' morning thing from Tom Schnabel. KCRW 89.9 FM, Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-noon.

**THE BEST OF A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION** Garrison Keillor's greatest hits. KUSC 91.5 FM, Sat., 6-8 p.m.

**GENESIS OF A MUSIC** Morning becomes Zappa, Bach, Eno, Cage, Ives and host David G. Porter. KPFK 90.7 FM, Sat., 6-8:30 a.m.

**SOMETHING ELSE** Tetemic excursions into the experimental, the traditional and the unexpected, courtesy of free-ranging host Edan Epstein. KCRW 89.9 FM, Sat., 2-4 a.m.

**THE NIXON TAPES** Oldies, jazz, new sounds and ethnomusic with host Tom Nixon. KPFK 90.7 FM, Sun., 9-11 a.m.

**LE SHOW** "Hellcat" Harry Shearer dishes out parodic venom along with mind-tappin' tunes. KCRW 89.9 FM, Sun., 10-11 a.m.

**BRAIN COOKIES** Where the experimental and uncategorized go splat! KXLU 88.9 FM, Sun., 7-9:30 p.m.

**DR. DEMENTO** An encyclopedia of musical psychoses without any cures. KLSX 97.1 FM, Sun., 8-10 p.m.

**ALIEN AIR MUSIC** Electronic, progressive and out-of-this-world. KXLU 88.9 FM, Sun., 9:30-11 p.m.

**RADIO COLLUSION** A wide-ranging conspiring of unusual pop and art music from Paul Sanoian. KPFK 90.7 FM, Mon., 6-7 a.m.

**S*N*A*P*** Deirdre O'Donoghue takes you to the edges of the avant pop. KCRW 89.9 FM, Mon. & Wed.-Fri., 7-11 p.m.; Tues., 7-7:30 p.m.

**IMAGINARY LANDSCAPE** Experimental composer Carl Stone plays the same. KPFK 90.7 FM, Tues., 9:30-11:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MUSIC MAGAZINE** Live interviews, performances and surprises hosted by Matt Wright and Rene Engel. KPCC 89.3 FM, Wed., 8-11 p.m.

**LATE NIGHT NOTES** Keep-the-neighbors-up grooves from late-nighter Ron Coleman. KCRW 89.9 FM, Thurs., 12:10-3 a.m.

**D-TUNING** Tune in for the best in acoustic music; occasional live guests. KPCC 89.3 FM, Thurs., 8-10 p.m.

## Spoken Word

**MAKING WAVES** A daily, performing-arts surf report on who's doing what in the avant arts. With hosts Gene Parrish and Susan Taylor. KUSC 91.5 FM, Mon.-Fri., 1:30-2 p.m.

**MIKE HODEL'S HOUR 25** J. Michael Straczynski and Terry Hodel take command of this excellent call-in program for the speculative fiction fan. KPFK 90.7 FM, Fri., 10-11 p.m.

**CAR TALK** The Bostonian Tappet bros., a.k.a. Click 'n' Clack, host this crack-up of a call-in car-advice show. KCRW 89.9 FM, Sat., 10-11 a.m.

**EBONY '89** Host Gerda Steele addresses the culture and concerns of the black community. KPCC 89.3 FM, Sat., 5-6 p.m.

**THE POETRY CONNEXION** All kinds of verse, from old to new, along with tunes mixed in for you by host Austin Straus. KPFK 90.7 FM, first, third & fifth Sat., 6-7 p.m.

**JOE FRANK: Work in Progress** Offbeat monologizing for the New Age. KCRW 89.9 FM, Sun., 11 a.m.-noon.

**BOOKWORM** Bibliophile Michael Silverblatt talks to authors and others about the latest in lit. KCRW 89.9 FM, Mon., 1:30-2 p.m.

**HEALTH FROM THE GROUND UP** Healthful alternatives to the environmental and toxic hazards around us. KPFK 90.7 FM, Mon., 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**TERRITORY OF ART** Hear MOCA-commissioned performances of music, poetry, audio art, comedy and drama. KCRW 89.9 FM, Thurs., 10-10:30 p.m.

***Other Radio Events:***

**SURVIVING EARTHQUAKES** Prepare for the Big One with advice from panelists on this edition of Larry Mantle's *Airtalk*. With guest host Matt Wright. KPCC 89.3 FM, Fri., Nov. 17, 6-7 p.m.

**PORTRAITS OF AMERICA** Tim Hauser, leader of Manhattan Transfer and erstwhile host of KCRW's *Sunday Sings Jazz*, paints "a canvas of sound rich in the colors of American life" with this special Thanksgiving show celebrating American popular music from the Cotton Club to the Ozarks to Boston Street. KCRW 89.9 FM, Thurs., Nov. 23, 9 a.m.-noon.

—Bill Raden

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